

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Chris Martin, Andy Perchlik and Laurie Colgan (arrived at 6:45); Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Rich Phillips, Lincoln Earle-Centers, Justin Campbell

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

Changes or additions to the agenda - none

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of January 3, January 17, and January 24

Truck: The Town has ordered a new truck. If we turn in the old truck at the time that the new chassis arrives, we will be short a truck for approximately 2 months. If we pay for full cost of the chassis when it arrives, we can keep the old truck until the new truck is set up, and then the trade will be applied to the to the cost of the set up. The final cost will be the same, and the truck will still be under warranty during the time that the new truck is being set up. The Board approved.

Hollister Hill Apartments: Andy will attend the meeting of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development on February 9th to take part in the presentation of the application for a community development block grant. The Board is in favor of the project but may still discuss whether to have the loan paid back.

Stranahan Town Forest: The Selectboard received a letter from the Stranahan Stewardship Committee recommending against approving the request for another bike trail. This will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Rich Phillips and the Selectboard discussed the proposed budget for the Stranahan Plan. The expenses in the budget are to be paid for out of the Stranahan Fund, rather than tax dollars, so the budget doesn't need to be voted at Town Meeting. The Board approved the expenditure plan. The Board received approval from the Vermont Land Trust to build the parking area.

Mike Baril agreed to release the Town from the contract for cutting the trees. Lincoln Earle-Centers will cut the trees at no charge, in exchange for the firewood. The Town chipper will be used to chip the brush and volunteers will be on hand to help.

Andy asked Rich what the committee intends to work on this year. There are plans to work on the management plan. Andy suggested that work on the plan should not delay discussions of logging. Rich commented that there are areas that Marshfield considers wetlands that the Land Trust has not identified as wetlands. The plan needs to address how to handle these areas. Rich feels that the management plan will identify where logging can occur. Andy is concerned that the management plan will be written in such a way that there are no areas that can be logged. Rich feels that the Committee should use the recommendations that Jenny Warshow and Ed Jalbert came up with.

Old Schoolhouse Common, gym use policy: Lincoln approached the Board to talk about the proposal to have established gym times supervised by a responsible teen (but not necessarily someone over 18). There is also a question of whether the gym can be used as a gym during regular working hours. Lincoln would not be in favor of a policy that restricted the building to office use during the day because elementary-aged children are only going to be able to use the building from 3 until 5. The Board discussed the sound-proofing that has been done, and other potential measures that could be taken to reduce noise levels. After discussion, the Selectboard approved having an open gym time on Friday afternoons from 3 until 5 as a trial, and Lincoln will work with a few teens and make sure that there are always at least two teens, and at least two younger kids. The program will be re-evaluated after it has been happening for 3 or 4 weeks.

OSC, Snow machines: The Board noted that the VAST trail no longer goes across the Town Property, and the nature trail is not safe because of uneven ground and proximity to the river.

OSC, Security measures: Justin Campbell notified the Board that the security lights on the outside of the building shine right into his house. Chris noted that the lights can be adjusted to point straight down instead of out. The Board gave Justin permission to adjust them. Lincoln asked for another light on the gazebo to shine at the ice rink/basketball court. The Board approved; the money will come from the OSC Building Fund. The Board also discussed putting another light in the back of the parking lot.

The Board discussed a proposal for cameras at the Old Schoolhouse Common. They will ask the security company to come and do a walk-through.

Personnel Issue: at 8:00 p.m., Andy moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Survey from CVRPC for regional plan: Tabled until the next meeting

Dog Officer: James Arisman is appointed as interim Animal Control Officer until a permanent Officer can be found.

Land records: The Board discussed the option to make the town's land records available online. Bobbi will track vault time as a separate line item for three months to better judge how much research revenue would be lost, and whether it would be offset by less interruptions in the office and less wear and tear on the land records.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 7, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
